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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 48,813 to Dawson, issued April 4, 1916;
2. U.S. Patent No. D306,259 to Daucourt, issued February 27, 1990;
3. U.S. Patent No. D227,002 to Broadhead, issued May 29, 1973;
4. U.S. Patent No. D219,262 to Lambelet, issued November 24, 1970;
5. U.S. Patent No. D333,434 to Sosenko, issued February 23, 1993;
6. U.S. Patent No. D166,731 to Blunt, issued May 13, 1952;
7. U.S. Patent No. D128,365 to Daum, issued July 22, 1941;
8. U.S. Patent No. D62,804 to Quan, issued July 31, 1923;
9. U.S. Patent No. D131,949 to Teunisz, issued April 7, 1942;
10. U.S. Patent No. D453,004 to Hirata, issued January 22, 2002; and

Foreign Patent Documents

11. Japanese Patent Application No. 07-205258, which relates to a bottle with a bottle main body provided with decompression panels for avoiding deformation, fracture and the like of the bottle main body following compression and decompression inside the bottle main body. This reference is described further in the "Background Art" section of the patent application. The Examiner should contact the undersigned if a translation of this reference is desired.

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Copies of the above-listed documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, are enclosed.

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